

MACHAME ROUTE 10-DAY ITINERARY

Travel Day

Travel to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). Typically takes over 24 hours from the U.S. including a stop in Amsterdam or London. Please be sure your arrival in Tanzania coordinates with the first day of the program.

DAY 1 MOSHI (*this is the start date listed on our dates and prices on the website*)

We will pick you up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (generally around 9:00 PM) and drive about 45 minutes to the hotel in Moshi.

DAY 2 MOSHI

We will have a group meeting in the morning and spend part of the day organizing and packing all of our gear. In the afternoon we may take a hike to stretch our legs or relax by the pool. The town of Moshi is situated below the flanks of Mt. Kilimanjaro and is often considered one of the cleanest towns in East Africa.

DAY 3 MACHAME CAMP (9,750 ft.)

After breakfast we will drive about an hour to the Machame gate, which is the start of the climb. Here we sign in with the national park authorities and begin hiking. The trail here is in great shape and winds uphill along a ridgeline through the tropical rainforest for 5 to 6 hours before reaching Machame Hut. The views from our first camp are fantastic!

DAY 4 SHIRA PLATEAU (12,480 ft.)

We start out at about 8 a.m. leaving the rainforest glades and enter alpine vegetation. In the distance we can see the first close-up of the snow-capped summit. This is a great day of gradual hiking through fields of heather. At around 10,000 ft. we begin to see the first Lobelia, Protea and giant Senecia plants. This is another 5 to 6 hour day. From our camp we will have breathtaking views of Kibo and Mt. Meru.



Sunset over Shira Camp

DAY 5 BARRANCO CAMP (12,850 ft.)

Today we hike up over a high ridge, and then descend to Barranco camp. We will pass the famous Lava Tower and Garden of the Senecias, where many of these wild looking woody plants grow. Our camping elevation does not change much, but the hike to almost 14,000 feet is great for our acclimatization. Barranco camp has a great view to the south over Moshi.

DAY 6 KARANGA VALLEY (13,200 ft.)

Most groups will move to Barafu camp on this day. However, we believe it's best to spend an extra day at Karanga to aid in acclimatization and to make the summit day easier. We will start the day with an exciting rock scramble of the Barranco Wall. There are several small streams that we will cross on our way to the Karanga River. This is a 4-hour day.

DAY 7 BARAFU CAMP (14,950 ft.)

The hike to Barafu is across a field of broken sedimentary rocks. We reach Barafu in about 4 hours. Here we will have lunch, and rest until dinner. Then we will sleep until midnight in preparation for following day's summit climb.



Barafu Camp, getting ready for summit day

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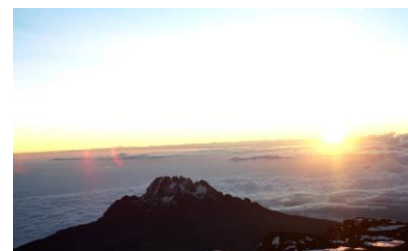




DAY 8 BARAFU to UHURU PEAK (19,340 ft.) to MILLENNIUM CAMP (12,500 ft.)

At midnight we'll have some hot drinks, don our headlamps and head out. We plan most of our trips around the full moon, but it can still be dark if there are clouds.

It will take 6 or 7 hours to reach the crater rim. Sunrise on the summit crater is going to be something to remember forever. The sun rising over the plains of Africa and diffuse light highlighting the nearby glaciers is truly a world class experience. After a cup of hot tea, we will continue along the rim for another hour or two before reaching the highest point in Africa (19,340 ft). Congratulations!



View of the sunrise over Mawenzi

We will spend up to a half hour on the summit and then begin the 4-hour descent to Barafu. At camp we will rest for a few hours and then walk down to Millennium camp. This is a great 4-hour walk with each step adding more oxygen. *(Many companies will go all the way to Mweka camp at 10,000 feet, but this is a bad idea. After the big summit day, your body will appreciate the additional rest.)

DAY 9 MILLENNIUM CAMP (12,500 ft.) to MOSHI

In the morning we have a 3-hour walk down to the road. We then get a lift back to the hotel and a well-deserved shower and a beverage with our guides. We spend this night at the Springlands hotel in Moshi.

Day 10 Transfer from the hotel to Kilimanjaro International Airport, or head out on Safari!



Please contact us if you have any questions, or, if you would like any additional information.

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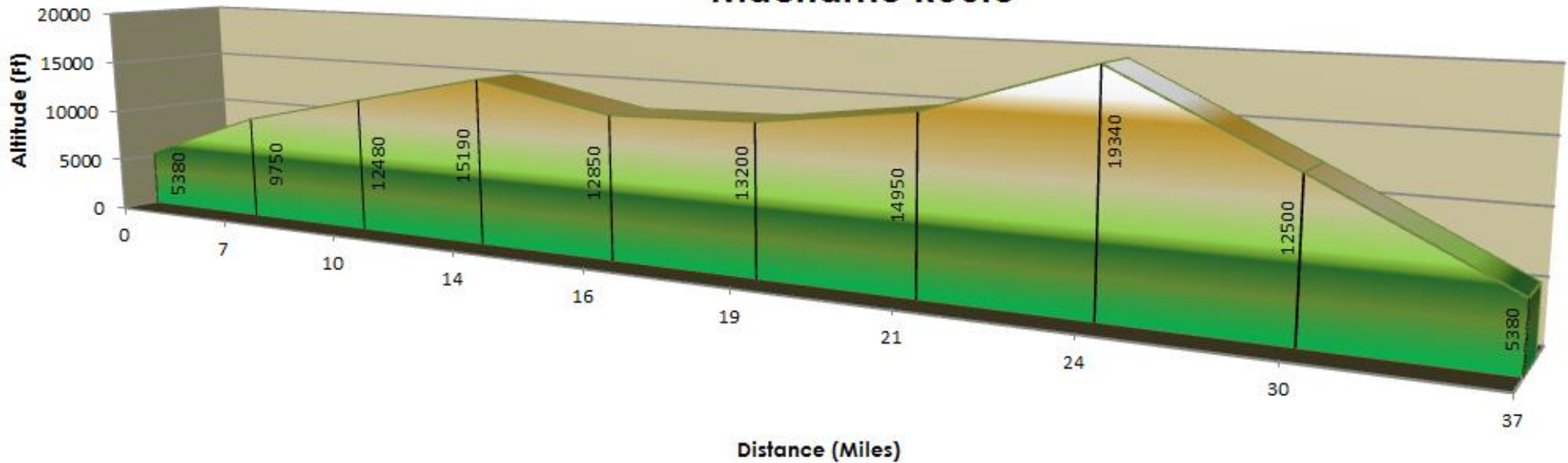
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	Machame Gate	Machame Hut	Shira Plateau	Lava Tower	Barranco Camp	Karanga Valley	Barafu Camp	Summit	Millenium Camp	Mweka Gate
Altitude (Ft)	5380	9750	12480	15190	12850	13200	14950	19340	12500	5380
Cumulative Distance (Mi)	0	7	10	14	16	19	21	24	30	37

Machame Route



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